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Dear Flo,

Thanks for the note on the Rankin Brigade mailing. I'm well. If I gave you the contrary impression, I'm sorry. There's any angel on my shoulder. One of his jobs that he does well is to keep me in good health, no matter what I do. I'm helping him a little right now, for the tougher days ahead and in recognition of the toll of those behind. I've knocked off ten pounds and am exercising regularly and daily.

I will help the Rankin Brigade in any way I can, of course.

Don't know when I'll be in NYC again. Event that slight cost is a great burden when you are as far in debt as I am and have no oncome. I must do something about getting a lawyer. I have not yet heard from the unstlers, a real disappointment. However, I think I may have made arrangements for part of it in New Orleans, from which I have just returned after another two-week investigation (very fruitful-and real gone!). Not the major and immediate problem with Dell.

I'll brag just a little while telling you a story I think will interest. I was asked by a European correspondent to do a three or four part magazine series he could send to an agent friend abroad. I had but three days before I had to leave for N.O. I started them and wound up with a 35,000-page book, COUP D'ETAT:I ACCUSE THE CIA. (A lit prof friend in N.O. suggests CIA: J'ACCUSE). In it, more limited than I'd like, I've wov woven all the assassinations together. You may recall, I include that of Malcolm X. I've a considerable amount on the so-called National States Rights Party, the Nazi NSRP. Since drafting that, and I've not been able to read it, I've gotten more, including the name of the man who forecast all of this (last chapter, Oswald in New Orleans) and the name of the man he said would be King's assassin. ...Now I have two unpublished books. Because my debt is $35,000, I think in a couple of months I'll have three unpublished ones. The one on the autopsy is the hottest yet.

One legal problem is slef-solving. Dell owes me money, has no inte intention of paying it, so they hire lawyers with it. The fellow in New Orleans is worth his $30.00 park hour. We rae clobbering the hell out of a racists Cuban fascist and establishing a few nice principles at the same time. But Canyon he blackmailed. While he was trying hard to withdraw the frivolous Dell-Saga-me (only he never tried to serve me) suit, those great progressives at Canyon were dealing behind my back and agreed to withdraw the book for no reason rather than have a suit that now owuld have been unnecessary for we've established the ruling point in the Dell case. The goddamned liberls are in some ways worse than the radical right.

I'm swinging, working, satisfied that most of us will live to see some right done and still hopeful that we'll avoid open fascism. Hope you feel as well as I do. Good luck, and I will phone when I'm there.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg